

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3302 - SB 3229

March 2, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any person who is not licensed as a physician or osteopathic physician from knowingly cutting another person's tongue into two or more pieces (tongue splitting). A first violation is a Class A misdemeanor and a second or subsequent violation is a Class E felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,666/Incarceration*
Increase Local Govt Expenditures - Not Significant

This estimate is based on one Class E felony conviction on second offense every three years.

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director